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21	Coal R&D fund should be created whereby half of one percent of the turnover of all coal companies in the public and private sectors is deposited. CGRA could manage the funds.	The creation of R&D fund is agreed to. It is preferable that the proposed fund should be kept available with the industry instead of the Coal Regulatory Authority. In the present system the R&D activities are identified, monitored and funded through a Standing Scientific Research Committee (SSRC), which is chaired by Secretary (Coal).

Criminal cases and departmental enquiries in CIL

3404. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of criminal cases and departmental enquiries are pending against the officials working with the Coal India Limited as on the 31st October, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise and category-wise;

(c) the number and names of the officers suspended during the last three years and the time-frame within which generally the disciplinary committee submits a report and action is taken; and

(d) the details of such cases brought to the notice of Government where the officers have been falsely implicated and harassed and the action taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Tie up with global mining firms by CIL

3405. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has decided to have overseas tie up with several global mining firms to mine coal abroad and has floated an expression of interest for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIL's venture with foreign firms to mine coal blocks abroad is beneficial for Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Coal India Limited (CIL) has floated a Global Expression of Interest (EoI) to select Strategic Partner in Australia, USA, South Africa and Indonesia for tie up to mine coal abroad. The EoI received encouraging responses and a high level Committee has been constituted to examine the responses to take the matter forward.

(c) and (d) The need for acquiring coat resources abroad has assumed larger dimension in view of increasing demand on CIL and the mandate given to it under the aegis of New Coal Distribution Policy (NCDP). Acquisition of coal resources abroad pertaining to high grade metallurgical and thermal coal and its import to India would supplement the efforts of CIL in augmenting coal supplies for domestic market.

Availability of ambulances in hospital of WCL Chhindwada

†3406. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on ambulances available in hospital at Western Coal Fields Limited, Kanha and Pench area of district Chhindwada, Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, item-wise;

(b) the amount incurred on repair, diesel, oil, tyre-tube and drivers;

(c) whether the expenditure incurred on the above items is according to the stipulated norms and what are these stipulated norms for expenditure; and

(d) the number of patients, these ambulances rushed to hospital in a year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The details of item-wise amount spent on the ambulances available in hospital at western Coal Fields Ltd. in Kanhan and Pench areas of district Chhindwada. Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are as under:-

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Head	Kanhan area			Pench Area		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Repairs	3.17	4.44	2.24	1.13	0.83	1.03
Petrol, Oil and Lubricants	4.34	2.30	1.41	20.06	14.24	12.09
Tyre-Tube	0.04	0.02	0.05	1.08	1.05	1.19
Drivers	7.19	6.74	7.42	35.47	37.07	35.03
Total	14.74	13.50	11.12	57.74	54.19	49.34

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.